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Dear Dr. Williams:

We have received your request to visit the Marshall Islands from September 15-17, 1997. As you know, the bidders' site visit for potential applicants is scheduled for September 20-29, 1997. I regret that this is the only time during which the Department of Energy (DOE) can escort the potential bidders to Honolulu, Hawaii, and the Republic of the Marshall Islands.

I believe the visit will benefit all who attend by providing them insight into DOE's medical program in the Marshall Islands. I ask that you reconsider your schedule or send an alternate.

Regarding inclusion of the National Institute of Health representative in the site visit, be assured that his participation is strictly to familiarize him with the medical program and its operating variables; this to facilitate and ensure a pragmatic review of the proposals. His travel is at the Department's invitation and cost. Dr. Paul Strudler has already recognized your concerns that his presence on the trip could represent an opportunity for some potential bidders to seek his views and for feedback on their planned proposal approach. To prevent such a possibility, he will be laying out "ground rules" for the trip that will preclude solicitation-type behavior on the part of trip attendees and prevent "one-on-one" access to him by potential bidders.

Again, I hope that you or your representative can join us for the planned site visit on September 20-29, 1997.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Frank Hawkins", is written over the typed name.

Frank Hawkins
Director
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cc: Paul Strudler, NIH



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